Making sense of information is central to many aspects of HCI as people look to understand complex systems, domains and problems.

We are seeking papers on topics in the area of sensemaking for a two-day workshop to be held at CHI 2009 in Boston, MA, USA. Broadly, we take the topic to mean studies of how people collect and organize information for analysis and synthesis.

We are interested in both individual and group sensemaking practices.

What are the tools, techniques and best practices of people who need to make sense of a large amount of complex information? Are they the same as for people who simply need to coordinate schedules? What issues of scale, complexity and coordination arise that are particular to making sense of a complex world?

Submissions to the workshop should be sent to Daniel M. Russell (drussell@google.com). Ideally, the submissions should describe work that is ongoing, with either demonstrations of working systems or analyses of people who have to solve sensemaking problems.

Note that, if accepted, at least one author of the paper will have to register for the conference and the workshop.

Workshop fees for participants in 2008 are estimated to be $150 for a one-day workshop.